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= Abstract =

## Diffusion-weighted Imaging in Isolated Vertigo Patients Having Risk Factors for Stroke

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**Background:** The management of vertiginous patients is a great challenge to emergency physicians. We evaluated the diagnostic value of a diffusion-weighted image(DWI) in differentiating central vertigo from the peripheral vertigo in patients who presented no neurological symptoms other than risk factors for stroke.

**Methods:** From March 2000 to February 2001, we retrospectively analyzed the cases of 68 patients who visited the emergency department with symptoms of isolated vertigo and who had risk factors for stroke. DWIs, computed tomograms(CT), and medical records were reviewed, and the final diagnose, the DWIs and the CT readings, the risk factors for stroke, and the time it took waiting for a DWI or CT scan were analyzed.

**Results:** Of the 68 patients, 21(30.8%) had central vertigo: 15 vertebrobasilar transient ischemic attacks(VB-TIA), 4 brain stem infarctions, 1 cerebellar infarction, and 1 cerebellopeduncular infarction. The DWI showed a 28.6% sensitivity, a 97.9% specificity, and an 85.7% positive predictive value in diagnosing central vertigo. It also had a 100% sensitivity in detecting infarctions.

**Conclusion:** A DWI had a comparable sensitivity to MRI in detecting central vertigo and small, but potentially, lethal infarctions in our patient population. We recommend clinical application of DWI in the emergency department evaluation of isolated vertigo patients with risk factors for stroke.

**Key Words:** Vertigo, Diffusion weighted imaging(DWI), Risk factor for stroke

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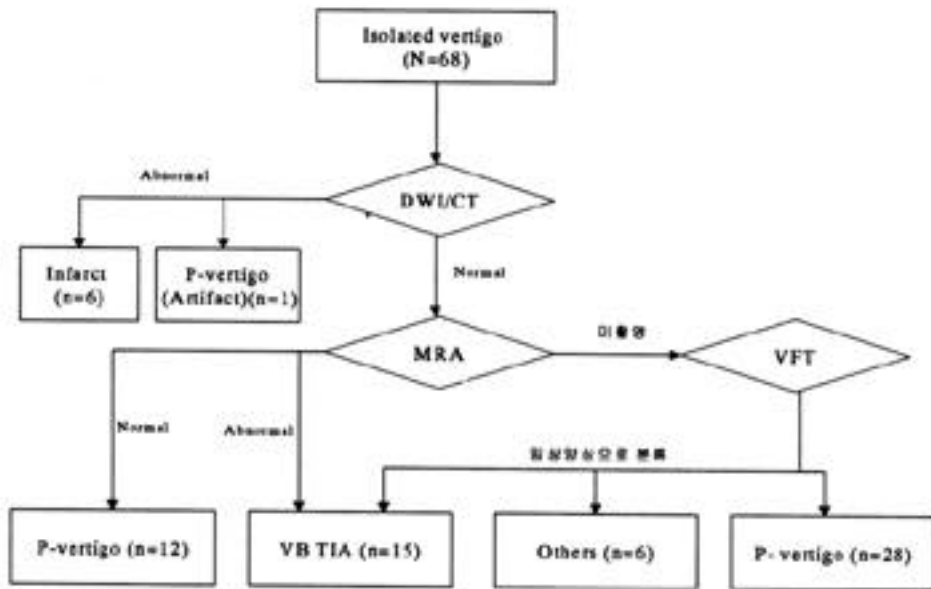
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I.

(vertigo) 가 . , , , (computerized tomogram; CT) , . CT . 1-3) (posteroinfe rior cerebellar artery; PICA) 가 가 4-7) (magnetic resonance imaging; MRI) (magnetic resonance angiography; MRA) , 가 (diffusion weighted mag- netic resonance imaging; DWI) (magnetic gradient) , 8,9) 가 , 10) 3 . . 가 , DWI .

II.

2000 3 2001 2 CT DWI 가 CT, DWI, MRA 65 , , CT, DWI MRA, (vertebrobasilar transient ischemic attack; VB TIA) MRA , MRI CT, DWI CT, DWI, MRA CT, DWI, MRA , , Meniere . CT, DWI가 . ( 1) , , , CT DWI , CT, DWI MRA . DWI 1.5T GE signa MR/I (1999.12. Milwaukee. USA) , single shot spin echo planar imaging 30 ~ 60



1. (DWI; Diffusion weighted imaging, P-vertigo; Peripheral vertigo, MRA; Magnetic resonance angiography, VFT; Vestibular function test, VB TIA; Vertebrobasilar transient ischemic attack)

1.

	(%)		(%)
65	44(36.7)	1	28(41.2)
	42(35.0)	2	29(42.6)
	20(16.7)	3	9(13.2)
	10(8.3)	4	2(2.9)
	4(3.3)	5	0(0.0)
	120		68

. DWI 10 2 가가 .( 1)  
mm, TR 6,050 msec, TE minimum, b value DWI 209 (35 ~ 615 ), CT  
1000 s/mm<sup>2</sup> . CT, DWI, MRA 77 (5 ~ 400 ) .  
1 가 68 21 (30.8%) ,  
. 41 (60.3%) , 6 (8.8%)  
. 21  
15 (71.4%)  
III. , 6 4 ,  
68 17 , 51 , (cerebellopeduncular infarct)  
67.6 (40 ~ 89 ) , 1 .( 2) DWI  
67.6 , 67.5 .  
1.76 65 , 1

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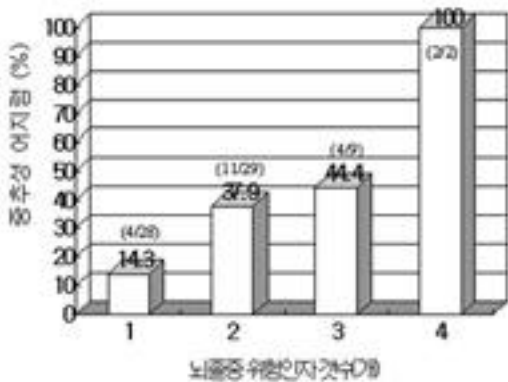
	(%)	:
VB TIA*	21(30.8)	6:15
Cerebellar infarct	15	5:10
Cerebellopeduncular infarct	1	1: 0
Brain stem infarct	1	0: 1
	4	0: 4
	41(60.3)	10:31
	6(8.8)	1: 5
	68(100.0)	17:51

\*VB TIA: vertebrobasilar transient ischemic attack

3. DWI

DWI(+)	6	1	7
DWI(-)	15	46	61
	21	47	68

DWI(+)	6	1	7
DWI(-)	0	61	61
	6	62	68



DWI  
28.6%, , 가  
100% . ,  
97.9%, 85.7% ( 3).  
DWI 7 CT  
, CT 3  
7  
MRI, MRA 20  
8 (40%) , 5

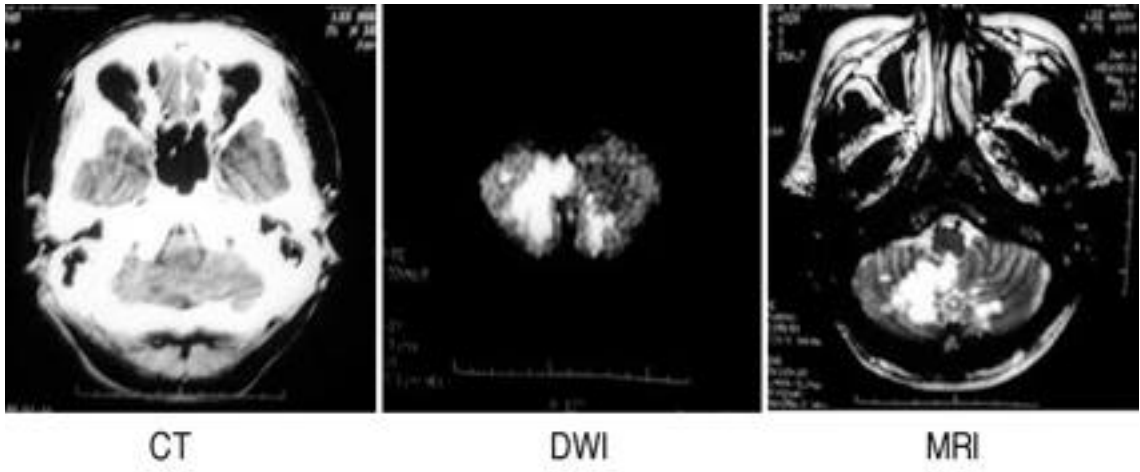
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DWI MRI  
, 3 DWI MRA  
가  
68 26 , 41  
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4.

Peripheral	Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo Vestibular neuritis Recurrent vestibulopathy Classic Meniere 's disease Head trauma(Labyrinthine concussion) Acoustic neuroma Otosclerosis Herpes zoster oticus Cholesteatoma Perilymph fistula Aminoglycoside ototoxicity
Central	Vertebrobasilar transient ischemic attack Cerebellar or brain stem stroke Brain tumor Multiple sclerosis Vertebrobasilar migraine



3. (PICA) CT, DWI, T2 weighted MRI . 75 5  
. CT , DWI, T2 weighted MRI  
(PICA ) (CT; computerized tomogram, DWI; diffusion weighted magnetic resonance imaging, MRI; magnetic resonance imaging, PICA; posteroinferior cerebellar artery).

IV. 가

(Dizziness)

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75 가 ,  
( 4)<sup>4,11)</sup>  
(vertigo) 가 ,

5. CT DWI		
CT		DWI
1. 가 . ( 7 ~ 8 )		1. MRI, MRA 가 . (DWI 10 ~ 20 )
2. .		2. , .
3. 가 , 가 .		3. MRI . ( 30 ~ 60 )
		4. , 가 .
1. ,		1. 가 .
2. .		2. CT 가 , 가 .

(CT; computerized tomogram, DWI; diffusion weighted magnetic resonance imaging, MRI; magnetic resonance imaging)

, , 4  
 (3,5,13) 5)  
 CT 13.6 ~ 27%  
 50 ~ 78% ,  
 가 (matutinal 3,15,16) 17),  
 vertigo) 18) MRI  
 가 40% , 30 ~ 34% ,  
 51%, 69% DWI 28.6% 가 .  
 11,14) 1 MRI  
 , 가  
 가 , Norrving 19) 24  
 50  
 DWI 25%(6/24)가  
 ( 3). , 가  
 8.8%(6/68)가 1  
 가 , , 24  
 41 4 (9.7%가  
 , 9 (21.9%가 VB TIA .  
 21 15  
 48 VB TIA  
 5) MRI, MRA가  
 가 . ,  
 MRI가 CT가 , ,

30 ~ 60

MRA,

MRI

( 5).

, VB TIA

DWI

. MRA

3

36.6 ~ 48%

12

, CT,

. 20,21)

VB TIA

DWI

가

DWI

. 가 MRA

DWI

209

가

가

DWI

DWI

가

DWI

(perfusion

가

weighted imaging), MRI

63%

가

가

가

. 22,23)

DWI

MRI

,

, 3

MRA

V.

가

VB TIA

DWI

100%

DWI

DWI

MRI

가

가

1.

DWI CT

MRI

. 24,25)

2.

DWI

, MRI

MRI

가

3. DWI

MRI, CT

DWI

, 3

CT

MRI, CT

. 26) T1, T2

MRI

가

DWI

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